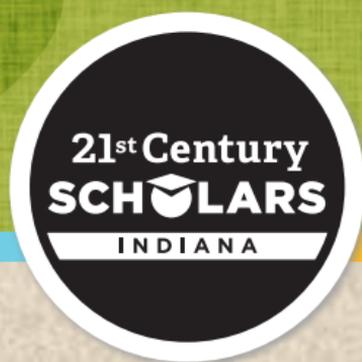




THE ROAD TO COLLEGE STARTS HERE



What is 21st Century Scholars?

The 21st Century Scholars program provides income-eligible students the opportunity to earn a scholarship that covers up to four years of tuition and regularly assessed fees (such as a technology fee) at approved Indiana colleges. See the list at Scholars.IN.gov/eligiblecolleges.

21st Century Scholars also supports eligible students and parents with tools they need to prepare for college, graduate on time and start toward a successful career path.

The scholarship is awarded on an annual basis. It does not cover the cost of books or room and board, and the funds are applied after any other student financial aid from the state is awarded.



21st Century Scholar Pledge

Students who enroll in the 21st Century Scholars program must take the Scholar Pledge to meet the following requirements in high school and college.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:

Complete the Scholar Success Program, which includes activities at each grade level in high school to help students plan, prepare and pay for college. (Applies to Scholars in the high school graduating class of 2017 and younger.)

Graduate from a state-accredited high school with a minimum of a Core 40 diploma and a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 10 as a high school senior and each year thereafter until college graduation.

Apply to an eligible Indiana college as a high school senior, and enroll in college as a full-time student within one year of high school graduation.

Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards established by each college.

Complete 30 credit hours each year in college to stay on track toward earning a degree on time.

Do not use illegal drugs, commit a crime or delinquent act, or consume alcohol before reaching the legal drinking age.

SCHOLAR SUCCESS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

	 PLAN	 PREPARE	 PAY
09	Create a Graduation Plan ¹	Participate in an Extracurricular or Service Activity	Watch "Paying for College 101"
10	Take a Career Interests Assessment	Get Workplace Experience ²	Estimate the Costs of College
11	Visit a College Campus	Take a College Entrance Exam (ACT/SAT)	Search for Scholarships ³
12	Submit a College Application	Watch "College Success 101"	File a FAFSA

1. Plan should be updated annually to keep students on track for high school graduation and college admission.
2. Includes job shadowing, internship, part-time employment or related experience linked to a student's career aspirations.
3. Includes any additional scholarship opportunity beyond the 21st Century Scholarship.

Many colleges offer special incentives for 21st Century Scholars to help cover expenses, such as fee waivers and supplemental scholarships. Some campuses also offer 21st Century Scholars programs that sponsor activities and events for their Scholars. From peer-mentoring groups to study tables to social events, these are great opportunities for Scholars to network.

Let's face it: Getting into college starts way before a student's senior year of high school. Indiana's 21st Century Scholars program gives students the opportunity to earn up to a four-year scholarship at an Indiana college and helps them plan for college beginning in middle school.



Students may enroll in 21st Century Scholars if they:

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Are Indiana residents
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Are U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens
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Are enrolled in the 7th or 8th grade at an
Indiana school recognized by the Indiana
Department of Education
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Meet income eligibility requirements
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Take the 21st Century Scholar Pledge to
meet academic standards and remain
drug- and crime-free during high school
and college

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Eligible students must enroll before
June 30 of their 8th-grade year. For
complete eligibility information, and to
apply online, visit **Scholars.IN.gov**.

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working to help all Hoosier students succeed in school,
complete college and connect to careers.

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